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# Southern Region News Release Catfish



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### **US Catfish Value of Sales Up 5 Percent**

Catfish growers in the United States had sales of \$379 million during 2019, up 5 percent from \$360 million the previous year. The top four States (Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and Texas) accounted for 96 percent of the United States total sales. Alabama growers had foodsize fish sales of \$97 million, up 7 percent from the previous year.

Catfish Water Acres and Inventory — Alabama and United States: January 1, 2019 and 2020

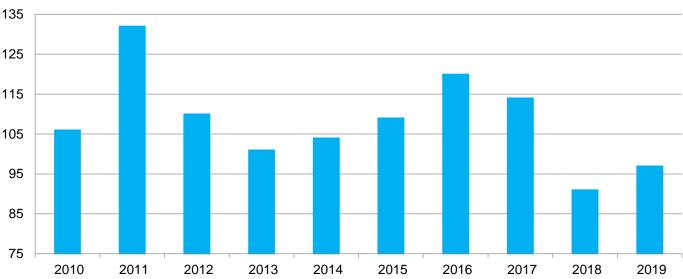
|                                     | Alabama                             |                                     |                                      |                                      | United States                        |                                      |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Item                                | Number                              |                                     | Pounds                               |                                      | Number                               |                                      | Pounds                                 |  |
|                                     | 2019                                | 2020                                | 2019                                 | 2020                                 | 2019                                 | 2020                                 | 2019                                   | 2020                                   |
|                                     | (1,000)                             | (1,000)                             | (1,000)                              | (1,000)                              | (1,000)                              | (1,000)                              | (1,000)                                | (1,000)                                |
| Water acres                         | 16.8                                | 15.9                                | (NA)                                 | (NA)                                 | 63.3                                 | 61.2                                 | (NA)                                   | (NA)                                   |
| Food size, total Large Medium Small | 51,090<br>3,690<br>19,800<br>27,600 | 45,780<br>2,980<br>18,000<br>24,800 | 80,900<br>13,700<br>39,600<br>27,600 | 72,100<br>10,900<br>36,000<br>25,200 | 159,735<br>6,970<br>54,275<br>98,490 | 147,400<br>4,825<br>56,290<br>86,285 | 227,299<br>25,908<br>102,509<br>98,882 | 208,631<br>17,187<br>104,847<br>86,597 |
| Stockers, total Large Small         | 85,800<br>38,200<br>47,600          | 54,300<br>31,600<br>22,700          | 20,200<br>15,700<br>4,500            | 15,100<br>13,000<br>2,100            | 301,060<br>117,570<br>183,490        | 269,660<br>110,570<br>159,090        | 62,449<br>44,624<br>17,825             | 58,966<br>41,778<br>17,188             |
| Fingerlings                         | 36,700                              | 19,600                              | 1,350                                | 977                                  | 343,875                              | 220,635                              | 9,384                                  | 7,747                                  |
| Broodfish                           | (D)                                 | 10                                  | (D)                                  | 40                                   | 560                                  | 500                                  | 2,659                                  | 2,393                                  |

<sup>(</sup>D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - Catfish Production, February 2020

#### Alabama Foodsize Catfish Sales: 2010-2019

### Million dollars



<sup>(</sup>NA) Not available.